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Education

Grant of scholarships to students outside this Presidency.

* 57 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of scholarships awarded to students outside this Presidency by the departments of Education and Industries;

(*b*) the basis on which these are distributed;

(*c*) whether in giving scholarships the needs of different language areas are taken into account; and

(*d*) if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) In the Department of Education two scholarships tenable in the United Kingdom are annually awarded. A statement is appended [a] showing the number of scholarships awarded by the Department of Industries.

Department of Education.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) Scholarships granted by the Education Department are awarded on the basis of the academic attainments and capacity for research or post-graduate work of candidates; the candidates selected have to bind themselves to serve the Education Department, if required to do so, for a period of five years on their return to India. Candidates from the different language areas are equally eligible for the scholarships.

Department of Industries.

Qualifications have been prescribed in the case of all scholarships awarded by the Industries Department. Information as to the minimum qualification required is given in the statement referred to above. In distributing the scholarships with reference to these qualifications, due regard is paid to the needs of different language areas in the Presidency.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), may I know the number and names of the candidates that have been selected from the various language areas of this province, of course with due regard to efficiency and educational and other qualifications?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Asking for the names of candidates is not in the public interest. The portion of the question relating to the number in language areas may be answered."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Notice, Sir."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"The answer says, 'due regard is paid to the needs of different language areas in the Presidency.' From Appendix II, I find that the minimum qualification for admission into the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute is the Secondary School Leaving Certificate. May I know the reason why graduates in science who applied for the same have not been selected?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Perhaps the reason was that there were other better candidates."

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education the subjects for which these scholarships are awarded ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice, Sir. The scholarships have been awarded by the Department of Industries, and the question is better known to my hon. Colleague, the Minister for Development."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know when these scholarships were instituted and how many scholarships have been awarded up to date, and whether there is any increase in the number of scholarships since or whether the Government has been sticking to the same number ever since they were instituted ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I can only answer with regard to the Department of Education. Two scholarships are awarded tenable in the United Kingdom."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether in granting scholarships the claims of backward communities are taken into consideration ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The interests of backward communities are taken into consideration, Sir."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" With reference to technical scholarships, may I ask the hon. Minister how many candidates were awarded scholarships in the different language areas, their qualifications and the reasons why they were considered better ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I should like to know if my hon. Friend refers to the Department of Education or the Department of Industries."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will have to address a separate question to the hon. the Minister for Development with regard to the scholarships in the Department of Industries."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" The answer to the question also refers to the Department of Industries, Sir."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" But this question is addressed to the hon. the Minister for Education ? "

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" I want to have the number, etc., from the Department of Industries."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Then he will have to give notice of it ? "

Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD :—" May I know whether any preference is given to backward communities in awarding scholarships ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, it depends upon the qualifications of the candidates."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the possession of academic training and the capacity for post-graduate research work also vary according to communities ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think so."